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## U.S. Bars Soviet Journalist

PROVIDENCE, R.I., Aug. 20 (UPI)—A Soviet journalist has been prohibited from entering the United States for a 10-day exchange program with New England editors that began today at Brown University.

The State Department confirmed that A. Makarov, North American editor for the news agency Novosti, was notified more than a week ago that his visa request had been denied.

"He was given a reason for the rejection and we can't say publicly what that was," the official said, adding, "but it would

be fair to speculate that the reason had to do with our security concerns."

A New England editor who is a delegate to the convention with the Soviets said the group had been told that Makarov had links with the KGB, the Soviet secret police.

No formal sessions were scheduled until Tuesday when the New England Society of Newspaper Editors was to host the Soviets for breakfast and activities that include greetings from Rhode Island Gov. J. Joseph Garrahy.